

REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SEPTEMBER 24, 2012

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session, Monday, September 24, 2012 with Commissioners, Tom Barnes, Ken Masters, Marvin Cole, and Jodi Harr, Deputy Auditor in attendance. Auditor Deborah Adams and County Attorney Leigh Morning were absent.

Commissioner Tom Barnes called the meeting to order. Correction to the minutes for September 10, 2012 was requested. Tom Monka asked the question regarding the commissioner vote process not John Saxon. Commissioner Ken Masters made the motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 10, 2012 meeting with the above mentioned correction. Marvin Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Jeff Sherwood reported 45 (45) inmates incarcerated in the Rush County jail.

Commissioner Masters requested that the sheriff investigate complaints that Masters has received regarding burning and smoldering at 1000 N and 100 E. Sherwood will look into the situation and contact the fire chief for that district. Carole Yeend suggested that the commissioners look at the state wide open burning policy put in place by IDEM.

Masters also asked about getting a pedestrian crossing sign at Center Christian Church. The attendance has increased and members are having to park across the street. Sherwood referred this request to County Highway Superintendent Jerry Sitton. Sitton said he could get the sign but the county would also have to paint pedestrian cross walk lines across the road. This would be hard to do because the county currently chips and seals the roads so the paint would not stick.

Sherwood asked for clarification of the courthouse being opened on Saturday, September 29 during Rush Fest. The commissioners did give approval for tours of the courthouse to be given on this date. Carole Yeend stated that the courthouse would be open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Brian Sheehan and Paul Barada Jr. will be giving the tours. She presented the commissioners with a map of the planned activities for Rush Fest. Sherwood will make sure the courthouse is opened and closed as requested.

HIGHWAY

Highway Superintendent Jerry Sitton reported that the bridge inspection RFP's (Request for Proposal) have been reviewed and United Consultants have been chosen for the contract. He should have the contracts ready for the next commissioners meeting.

AUDITOR

Deputy Auditor Jodi Harr received approval of payroll for the pay period ending September 28, 2012 on a motion by Marvin Cole. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Bi-weekly claims turned in September 18, 2012 were approved on a motion by Ken Masters. Marvin Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried.

EMA

Commissioner Barnes reported that Chuck Kemker, EMA Director, has received his certificate for completion of NIMS training.

In order for the county to receive the fifty percent reimbursement from the state for the EMA Director salary and benefits, the commissioners must sign an Emergency Management Performance Grant Effectiveness Measures Statement. Ken Masters made the motion to sign the statement and Marvin Cole seconded. Motion carried. The auditor is requested to fax the statement to Rachel Woodall at the Indiana Department of Homeland Security.

WIND FARMS

John Saxon asked if there was anything that the commissioners wanted to notify the media of. Commissioner Barnes notified Frank Denzler of the Rushville Republican that there has been two meetings with Henry County regarding wind farms. The third meeting has not been rescheduled. These meetings are not public meetings. Denzler and Saxon both asked to be put on the email notification of when the meetings will be held. Barnes will relay the request to County Attorney Leigh Morning. Since these are not public meetings, it will be up to her to determine if these notifications can be made. Barnes assured them that he had no problem discussing the information he receives at the meetings with them.

CONSTITUTION WEEK PROCLAMATION

A request was received for proclaiming the week of September 17 through 23, 2012 as Constitution Week. The commissioners did not make the proclamation because the week has passed. In future weeks the proclamation should be requested prior to the week to be proclaimed.

MISC

- Treasurer report for August submitted and reviewed. Barnes noted that after reviewing the state report on county debt that the county is in debt \$870,000. Fifty

percent of the debt is drain improvements. The remaining debt is equipment leases. Compared to other counties Rush County is in good financial shape. John Saxon asked if anyone has looked into unfunded liabilities. Commissioner Barnes stated not to his knowledge but someone could if it was necessary.

- Ken Masters attended the Ride Rush third quarter meeting. He reported everything seems to be in order.
- Proposed 2013 courthouse calendar was approved on a motion by Ken Masters and seconded by Marvin Cole. Motion carried.
- There was an elevator malfunction on 9-17-12. The fire department was called to carry a person down the stairs. The repair has been made and the elevator is back in service.
- The county should be getting a check in the amount of \$1,263.09 from Ninestar for the second quarter fiber lease agreement. Barnes noted that the fiber board will be meeting on Wednesday, September 26 at 3 p.m. in the courthouse assembly room.

Motion to adjourn was received from Ken Masters. Marvin Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried.

/s/Tom Barnes
Tom Barnes, Chairman

/s/Marvin Cole
Marvin Cole

/s/Ken Masters
Ken Masters

ATTEST:

/s/Deborah C. Adams
Deborah Adams, Auditor